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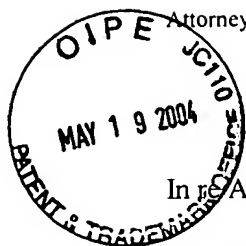
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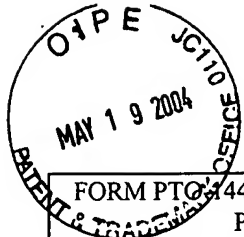
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		4,850,995	7/25/89	Tie et al			
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FOREIGN PATENT OR PUBLISHED FOREIGN PATENT APPLICATION

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	PUBLISHED DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB- CLASS	TRANS- LATION
		EP 0 499,891	26 Aug 1992	EP			
		EP 0 771 569	7 May 1997	EP			
		WO01/02037	11 Jan 2001	PCT			
		WO01/97943	27 Dec 2001	PCT			

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		International Search Report for PCT/US03/26768

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